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Subject : Re: Which code learning method? Why?

Davin Bentti (bentti@pebbles.esl.com) wrote:

: > >     My exam used some variety of Farnsworth.

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: > The ARRL exams are as follows:

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: > 1A:   5 WPM at 16 WPM Farnsworth

: > 1B:   13 WPM at 18 WPM Farnsworth

: > 1C:   20 WPM at 22 or 23 WPM (can't remember)

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: > If you learn code Farnsworth, you'll have a easier time upgrading.

:     Now for a newbie question. What is "Farnsworth"? I am very confused

: as to how something can be 5WPM \_and\_ 16WPM at the same time. I am  
: thinking  
: of getting a tech plus and looking into learning CW.

: How do I learn code Farnsworth?

For a given code speed, the spaces between words, between letters, and between dits and dahs are specifically defined (don't have the actual timing ratios available right now). The Farnsworth method simply uses extended letter and word spacings while maintaining the dit-dah spacings within each letter. In other words the letter is sent fast (so you can learn the sound of the letter at high speed), but you have more time between each letter and word for the "translation" process which is necessary while you are learning the code. When you become proficient, there is no conscious translation (similar to fast touch-typing) and the extra time is not needed. If you are interested in the exact timing units for CW spacing, I'm sure someone has that info handy.

Some people \_do\_ have trouble learning code, but do not let the discussions here on internet scare you. No one needs a pre-conceived mental block! You may find it fairly easy, and you may enjoy it. Regardless of the arguments against it (valid or otherwise) it is EXTREMELY rewarding to develop this kind of skill and use put it to use. Give it a try! You can pass the 5wpm with very little effort, but to really enjoy using code, you must be fairly fast and proficient...and that does take time.

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